I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States postal service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on or before: **PATENT** TH-0776X (US) MAS:mal THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of Group Art Unit 3625 Donald Wayne Allen et al. Examiner Serial No. 08/970,312 June 25, 1998 Filed November 14, 1997 **FAIRED TRUSS SPAR** ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, DC 20231 Sir: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND 1.97 It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein. Full text copies of the listed documents are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to fully consider this information and to indicate consideration on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicants. No representation is made or intended that

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